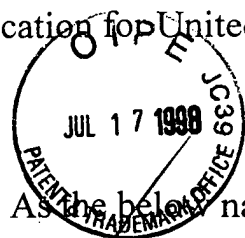


Application for United States Patent

**Declaration and Power of Attorney**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **UNIVERSAL SHOPPING CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL OPERATION** the specification of which:

☒ is attached hereto

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).*

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)CountryDay/Month/Year FiledPriority Claimed

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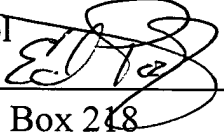
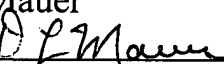
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